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SUBJ: SAUDI UAE RELATIONS

1. AT PRIVATE LUNCH WITH FONMIN SABAH MAR 11 I ASKED HIM WHETHER PRESS REPORTS WERE CORRECT THAT SAUDI-UAE RELATIONS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT LAHORE. SABAH REPLIED IN AFFIRMATIVE BUT HE DID NOT KNOW THAT ANY REAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. SABAH SAID HIS RENEWED OFFER OF GOOD OFFICES HAD BEEN MET BY SAUDIS WITH RESPONSE THAT THEY CURRENTLY WORKING ON THIS ISSUE THROUGH QATARIS "IN WHOM SAUDIS HAVE SPECIAL CONFIDENCE."

2. SABAH AGREED WITH MY OBSERVATION THAT SAUDI-UAE RAPPROCHEMENT IMPORTANT TO LONG-RANGE STABILITY OF GULF, AND ADDED HE REMAINED READY DO ANYTHING HE COULD TOWARD THAT END. WHEN I MENTIONED SULTAN QABUS'S CONCERN ABOUT INTERNAL STABILITY OF UAE, SABAH SAID "WE ARE ALL WORRIED ABOUT IT; AS LONG AS ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IS ON THE UP SIDE IN UAE, THE PEOPLE WILL BE

WELL OCCUPIED, BUT WHEN THE BOOM IS OVER, WATCH OUT."
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